

A Craylearning story

A few years ago, Lenny the lion told all of his friends in Craylands School his adventures in the jungle. I am going to tell you one of my favourites.

Once upon a time, Lenny went to visit his friend, Scaly snake, in his tree house. When he left, he realised how high he was; he could not climb down but then he spotted Marvellous Monkey. Monkey showed Lenny how to climb down with a vine. Then, Lenny, slowly and carefully, with Monkey holding the vine steady, climbed down to safety.

Lenny thanked Monkey for his help and they were friends forever.



Story written by May in
year 3.

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Lenny was in the jungle and there was a huge pile of mud. Lenny didn't know what to do. So he said,

"I need to get to the other side of the mud to eat my delicious tea. I will need to use resources such as vines on the other side."

Lenny tied the vines on to the tree. Then he swung to the other side, however he failed. So he took another go and never worried about getting things wrong. So he tried again until he succeeded.

All the animals clapped and cheered. Finally, Lenny could eat his tea.



Story written by Ashanti
in year 5.

A Craylearning story

Many years ago, when I was just a cub, living in the jungle, I had a best friend. She was incredible. Her name was Leona and we were as thick as thieves; always together.

One fateful day, when the sun was blazing hot, we decided to make our way to the lake, but this is where I have to admit, I'm a bit of a scaredy cat or I could say a scaredy lion...ah ha.

I only told Leona because I could trust her; I hate water. I mean....who wouldn't? You get wet and you sink and even wetter – it is horrible! It is just for drinking, right? But Leona just jumped in! Just like that and splashed around.

I so wanted to join her and I was boiling hot which was making me sweat. But being the scaredy cat I used to be, I just sat there watching her.

All of a sudden, Leona disappeared; I had no idea it was a plan to get me in the water. But somehow it worked. I threw myself in, without even thinking and it was amazing! I was floating and I didn't even know I could.

Then, I heard a giggle from afar. I turned around and saw Leona swimming towards me, with a big toothy grin on her face. She gave a round of a-paws...ha, ha...get it?

I felt phenomenal! I had faced my fear and I felt on top of the world; after all, I was King of the Jungle!



Story written by Ellise in year 6.



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One day, I was lying in the jungle, in the warm sunshine. I was really enjoying the warmth on my fur, as in the past few days, it had been raining.

All of a sudden, I hear shouts for help. At first, I thought that I was dreaming, but the cries for help went on. I jumped up and had to work out where they were coming from. It sounded like they were coming from the river. I ran over to the river bank and there on the other side was Laura the Leopard.

“Oh Lenny!” she shouted, “I am so pleased to see you.”

“Are you ok Laura? What happened?” I asked.

“I’m stuck Lenny,” she said, “I was chasing a deer for my dinner and I slipped in the mud and fell in the river.”

“Are you hurt Laura?”

“I think I’ve hurt my back paw,” she said.

I had to get Laura out, but how? I needed to get across the water but it was flowing so fast and it looked very dangerous. I didn’t want to get hurt as well.

“Stay calm Laura. I will get you out of there,” I said.

I ran up the river bank, looking for ways to get across but I had no choice, I had to swim. I stood on the riverbank and then leapt into the water. The current was very strong but I swam as hard as I could. It wasn’t easy but I soon made it over. I felt tired but I knew Laura needed my help.

When I reached Laura, I could see her back paw was bleeding. I had to get her out, but how? I went to the top of the riverbank and looked around for something to help pull her out. I was struggling to find anything but then I came across a log. I managed to drag the log back to the river and I pushed it down towards Laura.

“Laura, are you able to pull yourself out by getting on this log?” I asked.

“I’ll try,” she said.

I stood at the top of the riverbank, hoping she could. Laura moved around and put her front paws on the log. She pulled herself up and with all her strength, managed to get herself out. I put out my paw and helped pull her to the top of the riverbank.

“Thank you so much Lenny. I was beginning to think I would never get out.”

“All I knew was that I had to get you out Laura,” I replied.

Then I walked back with a limping Laura, into the jungle, to make sure that she got home safe.

When I finally got home, I thought about what I had done for Laura. No matter how dangerous it was for me, I knew that I had to help her the best that I could and I did.



Story written by Carys in
year 2.



A Craylearning story

There once was a lion called Lenny. He wanted to be very clever so he went to jungle school. Lenny's teacher was called Miss Monkey. In Lenny's class, there was a flamingo called Flo, a hippo called Henry, a zebra called Zena, a tiger called Tiggy, a monkey called Mike, a gorilla called Grace and a cat called Cobbler.

"Right everybody, today we are practising adding objects together," said Miss Monkey. "Our resources are leaves, stone counters, a tree line (number line), coconuts and a bark board (white board). You will work with the person next to you," bellowed Miss Monkey. Lenny's partner was Zena.

"Our number sentence is $10 + 5$," said Lenny. "What shall we use because that number sentence is very hard?" asked Zena.

"Hmmm!" they both said.

"Oh, I know what to use!" shouted Lenny excitedly.

"What?" said Zena happily.

"Stones," said Lenny.

So Lenny went to get some stones. "Let's get busy!" said Lenny.

"So we need ten stones first and then five stones," said Zena. So they both got to work.

" $10 + 5$ stones equals 14 stones," they both said together. "Let's go and show Miss Monkey."

So they both walked over to show Miss Monkey.

"I'm sorry, but your answer is wrong," said Miss Monkey. "You are going to have to go into the learning pit," said Miss Monkey quietly.

"The learning pit?" they asked confused, "What's that?"

“Well, the learning pit is a big hole that you can go into when you get something wrong, then you can use resources to get out,” explained Miss Monkey.

“Ohhh!” this said together.

“So I am going to put your names in the learning pit. Then when you have succeeded, I can put your names on the succeeded side,” said Miss Monkey happily.

So Lenny and Zena skipped back to their desks happily. “Let’s try again!” shouted Lenny.

So Lenny and Zena took their time and then showed their work to Miss Monkey.

“Well done!” she said proudly, “You got it right!”

Then Miss Monkey gave them a jungle sticker each. Lenny and Zena went home very proud of themselves.



Story written by Sami in year 4.